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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8369

INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

C O N F I D E N T I A L PRAGUE 1612

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ECON, EFIN, UR

SUBJECT: ROCKEFELLER MEETING WITH KOSYGIN

REF: STATE 147677

1. EMBASSY HAS NOTHING TO ADD FROM PRAGUE ON THE CONVERTIBILITY QUESTION. NONE OF OUR COLLEAGUES HAS PICKED UP ANY RECENT SPECULATION ON THE SUBJECT, AND WE AGREE WITH MOSCOW'S ASSESSMENT (8861).

2. DURING HIS LUNCHEON WITH HIS CZECHOSLOVAK HOSTS IN PRAGUE, ROCKEFELLER DID SPEAK OF WARM RECEPTION HE HAD IN MOSCOW, OF FORWARD-LOOKING ATTITUDE BY KOSYGIN AND OTHER SOVIETS, AND IN THIS CONNECTION OF INTEREST IN JOINT VENTURES. CHARGE UNDERSTOOD ROCKEFELLER TO SAY THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED WITH SOVIETS TO FORM BILATERAL COMMITTEE (PERHAPS IN DARTMOUTH CONFERENCE FRAMEWORK, ALTHOUGH THIS WAS NOT CLEAR) TO LOOK INTO PROSPECTS FOR JOINT VENTURES. IF HE DID NOT MENTION THIS TO HARTMAN, IT MAY BE THAT AT PRAGUE LUNCHEON ROCKEFELLER MERELY SPOKE OF A SHARED INTEREST IN JOINT VENTURES, RATHER THAN OF A SPECIFIC NEW GROUP TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES; BUT CHARGE UNDERSTOOD HIM TO MEAN THE LATTER.
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